

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a user's access to a computer network, the method comprising:

establishing by a service provider a connection to a data communication network for said user;

providing over said network a user age identifier which is suitable to define said user's age, wherein said step of providing said user age identifier includes transmitting to at least one of said-a site, said service provider and said user, age information related to said age identifier;

receiving by said user a network address of a site to which the user intends to connect; automatically associating said network address with said age identifier; and allowing said user to connect to said site as a function of said age identifier.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of providing over said network said user age identifier includes verifying data regarding said user and comparing said data with a database which contains profiles of users registered with a service provider suitable to provide said connection.

Claim 3 (Canceled).

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of providing over said network a user age identifier further comprises receiving from said user said age identifier in a network navigation program used by said user to connect to said data communication network.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of allowing said user to connect to said site includes unrestricted network navigation when said age identifier reveals said user is an adult user.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said age identifier is associated with said site keyed in by said user directly by a network navigation program used by said user.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of allowing said user to connect to said site includes controlling network navigation if said age identifier reveals said user is a minor.